

Communist Keynote Praises Wallace and Russia at Convention

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—American Communists jammed into Madison Square Garden last night for a noisy, demonstrative national convention of their own—highly lighted by censure of both the Democrats and Republicans and praise for both Russia and Henry A. Wallace.

Speakers at the opening session of the convention, the first to be held by the group since 1945, were high party chiefs, all of whom are under Federal indictment on charges of advocating the overthrow of the United States Government by violence and force.

William Z. Foster, national chairman of the party in this country and the top leader of the group of 12 arrested two weeks ago on grand jury's charges, was the convention keynote.

20,000 Persons Attend

He told the estimated 20,000 persons, in a fiery speech that bristled with attacks on "Fascist, Wall Street imperialists," that a vote for either President Truman or Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican presidential candidate, "means a vote for eventual fascism or war."

Of Mr. Wallace, the Progressive Party's presidential candidate, Foster said that his group "offers the opportunity for the forces fighting for peace and democracy and fascism, to organize and express their strength."

He said the Progressive Party "is in no sense a Communist party," but added that its national ticket, headed by Mr. Wallace and Senator Taylor, "will rally hosts of workers, Negroes, farmers, veterans, women, youth, intellectuals and other patriotic Americans who are determined that our people shall not be butchered for the profit and glory of Wall Street."

Foster described both Mr. Truman and Gov. Dewey as "brazen liars who charge that the Communist Party is trying to dominate the new party or to claim the credit for its formation."

Wall Street Attacked. He said the Democratic and Republican parties "are both dominated by Wall Street, their candidates and platforms were dictated by big business, and both are committed to American imperialism's policy of world conquest."

Russia was described by Foster as a peace-loving nation threatened by warmongers from the Western powers, and he added:

"The Trumans, Deweyes, Dulleses, Hoovers and Marshalls, Vandenberges and other men of the trust who are running our government could readily secure a democratic agreement with the USSR, as Roosevelt did. But they don't want it. They are fighting for Wall Street's world control."

Others in the array of convention speakers included Eugene Dennis, general secretary of the party; John Williamson, trade union organizer for the party; Henry Winston, organization secretary of the party, and Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., also a member of the party's National Council.

All of them were named in the indictments. They now are free on bail.

Backing of Violence Denied. Dennis referred to the indictments and asserted that "despite all fables and falsehoods, we Communists do not advocate force and violence. As Marxists, we are opposed in principle to adventurism, terror, assassination, conspiracies and coup d'etat."

Foster said that while "supporting" the Progressive Party's "program of people's demands, we Communists have many points of difference with it... The most important is that while many leaders in the Progressive Party believe that the badly crippled world capitalist system can be saved and transformed into a 'progressive capitalism,' we Marxist-Leninists do not. Capitalism historically is on its way off the world stage."

It was announced that the convention had received messages of support from the American Communist movement from national parties in several foreign nations, including Bulgaria, Italy and Czechoslovakia. No message was announced as coming from Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Communist movement.

State Department Cleared Of Reds, Jonkman Reports

The State Department now is free of "known or reasonably suspected subversives, Communists and fellow travelers," the House was told yesterday.

Representative Jonkman, Republican of Michigan reported that 134 State Department employees were dismissed since John E. Purifoy became Assistant Secretary of State in charge of administration on January 23, 1947.

"The Department of State," Mr. Jonkman added, "is now free from persons of whom it is known, or there is reasonable cause to believe that they are security risks."

Mr. Jonkman has been working as a one-man subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee for the past two years to investigate subversive influences in the department.

He said house-cleaning procedures were made effective after Secretary of State Marshall assumed office early last year and made Mr. Purifoy Assistant Secretary, giving him responsibility for running the department of any employee regarded as a security risk.

Navy Swears In First Ensign Under Aviation Program

The first Washington man to be sworn into the Navy as an ensign under the new aviation program took his oath today at the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, 1400 Pennsylvania avenue N.W.

He was Richard Daniel Schwartz, 1316 New Hampshire avenue N.W., who will leave for Pensacola, Fla., for training tomorrow.

Ensign Schwartz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Schwartz, was graduated from Western High School in 1943, attended Georgetown and George Washington Universities and Duke University. He was graduated from Duke as a mechanical engineer in 1946 and worked for the Glenn L. Martin Co. as an engineer in piloted aircraft and jet missiles.



NEW YORK.—COMMUNIST LEADER PRAISES PROGRESSIVES.—William Z. Foster, national Communist Party chairman, is pictured as he spoke before the party's national convention in Madison Square Garden last night. Foster praised the Progressive Party and said, "A vote for either Truman or Dewey means a vote for eventual fascism or war."

Sea Scouts Defer Cruise; Skipper Has Other Duty

The sailing orders for the Sea Scout cat boat Wild Cat have been cancelled. The skipper has been relieved of his command and transferred to duty at the beach with his mother.

Skipper Robert Schnabel, 17, of 1605 Kennedy place N.W., was to weigh anchor with his crew of three sea scouts at 6 a.m. today for a two-week, 200-mile trip down the Potomac and back. But then came the orders that would dishearten any seagoing man.

"Father said I should go to Sherwood Forest, Md., with my mother to keep her company," he said in a flat voice. "He doesn't want her to be alone. But I'll get in some sailing down there."

The crew of the Wild Cat is looking for a new skipper.

D. C. Masseur Is Killed In Missouri Auto Crash

Arthur Ratasep, 46, of 1629 R street N.W., a masseur at the YMCA here, was injured fatally last night in a truck-passenger car collision near Oregon, Mo., according to the Associated Press.

His wife, Mrs. Lena Ratasep, 38, suffered multiple lacerations and shock and their son, Harry, 13, received minor injuries. They were on their way to visit relatives in the Missouri town.

R. E. Myers, executive secretary of the central branch of the YMCA here, said Mr. Ratasep was one of six masseurs employed at the branch. Mr. Ratasep "was one of our best-liked men" and had been with the YMCA since April, 1943, Mr. Myers said.

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Paul Leland Williams, Veterans' Insurance Official, Dies at 36

Paul Leland Williams, 36, a supervisor in the office of the assistant administrator for insurance, Veterans' Administration, died today in Walter Reed Hospital. He had been ill since April.

An employee of the VA here since November, 1945, Mr. Williams made a Nation-wide tour for the agency in 1946, speaking on National Service Insurance before underwriters in 25 cities.

Mr. Williams was a native of Portageville, Mo., and came to this area with his parents, the late James T. and Carrie Goyeau Williams, in his youth. He was a graduate of Silver Spring High School and of Benjamin Franklin University.

He was a sales representative of the Prudential Life Insurance Co. in this area until entering the Army in 1943.

On graduation from Officers' Candidate School, he served as a platoon leader and an instructor in infantry warfare and tactics in this country. He was retired from the service early in 1945 after being wounded by an artillery shell burst in Texas maneuvers.

Mr. Williams attended the Shrine of the Sacred Heart, Sixteenth street and Park road N.W.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Anna Lee Williams, and a son, Wayne Leland Williams, both of Washington, and a sister, Mrs. Robert B. Appleby of Silver Spring.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

40 Ship Lines and NMU To Resume Negotiations

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Negotiating talks between 40 East and Gulf Coast shipping companies and the CIO National Maritime Union were to be resumed today with the union hiring hall as the chief issue.

The union's president, Joseph Curran, went into yesterday's session after reporting optimistically that the question of the hiring hall was virtually settled—but at the end of the day no settlement was announced.

From a Federal mediator, however, came word that progress had been made. The mediator added that several issues, including wages, remained to be agreed on.

Funeral Rites Changed For Rev. H. S. Wilkinson

Funeral services for the Rev. Dr. Howard Sargent Wilkinson, 70, retired rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow at Fort Myer Chapel instead of the Gawler funeral home chapel as previously announced.

Dr. Wilkinson was rector when President Roosevelt and his family worshipped at St. Thomas.

Since he was a chaplain in World War I and will receive a military burial, the Arlington Cemetery was decided to hold Dr. Wilkinson's services at Fort Myer where a larger number of his friends may attend.

Services will be conducted by Luther Miller, chief of Army chaplains, and the Rev. William L. Goodrich, former assistant to Dr. Wilkinson at St. Thomas.

Capt. Fondahl's Son To Teach in Hawaii

John W. Fondahl, son of Capt. John E. Fondahl of the eighth police precinct here, will leave shortly to become an engineering instructor at the University of Hawaii, it was announced today.

A graduate of McKinley High School in 1941 and of Dartmouth College last February, Mr. Fondahl has been working in Pittsburgh for the American Bridge Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Fondahl, who will leave here about August 21, now are visiting Capt. and Mrs. Fondahl, 4708 Sedgwick street N.W.

Cruise Set for Tomorrow

Martha Chapter, No. 4, Order of the Eastern Star, will sponsor a benefit moonlight cruise at 8:30 p.m. tomorrow on the S. S. Mount Vernon. The vessel will leave from the Wilson Line dock, Seventh street and Maine avenue S.W.

Services to Be Held Today For Miss Mattie Gallimore

Funeral services for Miss Mattie J. Gallimore, 28, who was killed when struck by a falling tree limb in Saturday's storm, were to be held at 4 p.m. today at the Hines funeral home, 2901 Fourteenth street N.W. Burial will be in Dugspur, Va.

Deputy Coroner Christopher J. Murphy yesterday issued a temporary certificate. He said death was due to a brain hemorrhage caused by a skull fracture.

Miss Gallimore, a State Department employee, lived at the Scott Hotel, 2131 O street N.W. She was struck by a falling limb while walking in the 1400 block of Twentieth street N.W.

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Mrs. MacNaughton To Be Buried Today; Former Suffragette

Funeral services for Mrs. Clara Walworth MacNaughton, 95, a former women's suffrage leader and friend of the late Susan B. Anthony, were to be held today in Oakland, Calif., where she died Sunday after an illness of more than two months.

A District resident for more than 50 years before moving to California in 1924 to live with a daughter, Mrs. MacNaughton is credited with having the artist, Anthony Jerome Uhl, do the celebrated portrait of her friend, Miss Anthony, which now hangs in Woodrow Wilson High School here.

Mrs. MacNaughton was born in Akron, N. Y., in November, 1854, and spent her early life in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was the daughter of the late William Walworth and Ruth Brooks MacNaughton.

Her father was a descendant of Sir William Walworth, who as Lord Mayor of London, saved Henry II from assassination. The dagger in the coat of arms of the City of London is said to commemorate that deed on his part.

After the death of her husband, William Henry MacNaughton, when she was 22, Mrs. MacNaughton lived in Washington and became active in the suffrage drive here. She was a graduate of the University of Michigan.

During World War I, Mrs. MacNaughton lived in Paris with her daughter, who this morning in the United States Consul office there.

After her daughter's marriage to Arthur Powell Davis, former chief of the Interior Department's Reclamation Service, Mrs. MacNaughton lived with them abroad, here and in California.

Her daughter is her only survivor.

Weather Report

District of Columbia—Cloudy and humid weather this afternoon, to night and tomorrow with some showers. Highest temperature this afternoon about 84 degrees, lowest tonight about 73.

Virginia—Cloudy and humid tonight and tomorrow with showers and a few scattered thunder showers. Little change in temperature.

Maryland—Cloudy and humid tonight and tomorrow with showers and little change in temperature.

Wind velocity, 9 miles per hour; direction, south-southwest.

Five Day Weather Forecast—August 4 Through August 8.

For Northern Virginia and Maryland—Temperature will average near normal for period. Normal maximum, 86; normal minimum, 68. Humid, with warm nights during the first part of the period, becoming cooler at the end of the week. A few showers at beginning of period becoming more general on Thursday and Friday followed by fair weather at end of week. Total rainfall one-half to one inch.

From United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Potomac River Clouds at Harpers Ferry and muddy at Great Falls; Shenandoah cloudy at Harpers Ferry.

Humidity.

Yesterday—Pot. Today—Pot. Noon—74—Midnight—64. 8 p.m.—78—8 a.m.—64.

High and Low for Yesterday.

Low, 70, at 3:58 a.m.

Record Temperatures This Year.

Highest, 95, on June 24.

Lowest, 5, on January 26.

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Boys' Forum 'Senator' Kills Peacetime Draft By Using Filibuster

Universal military training died on the floor of the National Boys' Forum Senate today and applause and a call to "kill" a one-man filibuster which "killed" universal military training.

The Senate session was part of a five-day program being sponsored by the American Legion. Attended by 90 hand-picked teen-age boys from 48 States, the group is getting a practical demonstration of the workings of democracy.

"Senator" Richard Hanner, 17, of Asheville, N. C., minority leader of the "Senate," kept the body in an uproar for nearly an hour with his successful tactics, which held up action on the bill until adjournment.

Refuses to Yield.

"Senator" Hanner, who acted as a one-man brain trust in engineering the successful campaign for the presidential nomination of C. Oliver Sampson, 17, of Edmore, Okla., on Saturday, refused, at least a dozen times to yield the floor.

The opposition's tactics were heckling and it took the combined efforts of real and make-believe Senate aides to explain to the Federalists that Hanner's position was legal and that he could not be bullied into yielding.

After convening this morning in the Senate caucus room, the group heard brief addresses by Senator Brooks, Republican, of Illinois, and Senator Maybank, Democrat, of South Carolina.

Warning the members of the "Senate" against the encroachments of communism and Communist doctrine, the Illinois Senator called on his listeners to "beware the teachings of false and untold philosophies by fussy intellectuals who, through a misguided conception of liberalism are spreading foreign doctrines dangerous to our system."

Maybank Welcomes Group.

Senator Maybank's talk consisted of a welcome and congratulations to the group on having been designated to come to Washington.

Before his discussion of the Mundt-Nixon Act, which the group passed off the floor last night, in addition to "Senator" Hanner, who was chosen minority leader; "Senator" Robert G. Hannel, 17, of Duquesne, Iowa, was named president pro tem, and Howard D. Hermann, 17, of Huntington, W. Va., was named secretary.

The group had as its parliamentary advisers from the real Senate, Ted Mansour, clerk, and Raymond Bellamy, assistant sergeant at arms.

'Miss Washington' Judges Pick 27 Semi-Finalists

Twenty-seven semifinalists in the Miss Greater Washington beauty contest, sponsored by Station WJLA, were chosen in judging of 44 girls at the state beauty pageant at Dover, Del.

The 27 will be divided into groups of nine for appearance and judging at three District theaters August 5, 12 and 19. Finals will be in the Capitol Theater August 23.

The winner will go to Atlantic City September 7 for the Miss America contest and will receive more than \$4,000 in prizes.

Chosen last night were: Doris Jean Armstrong, Sally Banks, Audrey Berry, Marjorie Biondi, Barbara Browning, Dorothy Jane Burks, Frances R. Cameron, Marjorie Marie, Jeanette Cunningham, Gloria Mae, Demmie, Marilyn Douglas, Mary Anne Farrior, Jacques Jacoby, Jeanne MacDonald, Eleanor M. Maddox, Betty Levia Madison, Jo Mettee, Doris Annette Miller, Joann V. Miller, Joan Marie Nelson, Patricia A. Shadle, Betty Shinn, Debra Slade, Lois E. Slusser, Mary Ann Spiro, Marie O. Sweeney and Bobbie Jane Taylor.

Alaskan Paper Plant Bid Accepted by U. S.

The Forest Service yesterday accepted the bid of the Ketchikan Pulp & Paper Co. to establish a pulp industry in Alaska.

The company agreed to buy 1,500,000,000 cubic feet of pulp timber near Ketchikan. The action will result in establishment of a pulp mill costing 20 to 30 million dollars, six miles north of Ketchikan.

French Indo-China is to order \$750,000 of chemicals from United States firms.

Young on Vacation Federal Spotlight on is on vacation. The column will be resumed August 24. The Federal Spotlight radio program will resume on Sunday, August 29, over WMAL at 3:15 p.m.

Reburial Rites Tomorrow For Sergt. E. H. Sneed

A reburial service for Staff Sergt. Ernest H. Sneed, who was killed in action with the 5th Army at Anzio, Italy, on May 24, 1944, will be held at 2 p.m. tomorrow in the Geier funeral home, 3605 Fourteenth street N.W.

Burial will be in Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

Sergt. Sneed, who was known to his friends as Jimmy, was 19 at the time of his death. He was the son of Mrs. Vivian R. Newman, 3711 Thirty-ninth street N.W.

Mrs. Newman's first husband, and the boy's father, was the late Ernest H. Sneed, sr.

Born in Clifton Forge, Va., Sergt. Sneed was a graduate of Central High School here. During his service with the 5th Army, he was decorated personally by Gen. Mark Clark with the Silver Star. The award recognized Sergt. Sneed's heroism in the crossing of the Volturno River, when "of his own volition" he made his way to the side of a wounded soldier in full view of the enemy to dig a slit trench for the man's protection until he could be reached by medical aid men.

Sergt. Sneed, then a private, was serving with Company C of the 7th Infantry Division at the time.

His mother and a sister, Mrs. Franklin C. Baughman of Alexandria are his only survivors.

D. C. Guard Air Unit Hoping For Break in Dover Weather

Washington's 121st Squadron of the Air National Guard today hoped for a break in leaden skies to permit resumption of aerial gunnery practice at Dover.

With other Guard air units, the District flyers are competing for a gunnery trophy awarded by the Richmond (Va.) Chamber of Commerce.

Rain and low ceilings have kept the flyers grounded the last few days.

Daughter May Contest Mrs. Patterson's Will, Attorney Discloses

Countess Felicia Gizeyka, daughter of the late Eleanor Medill Patterson, owner, editor and publisher of the Washington Times-Herald, has held "preliminary discussions" with attorneys about the possibility of contesting her mother's will.

Attorney Lloyd K. Garrison, New York lawyer, said his firm has been called by Countess Gizeyka for preliminary discussions. He refused further comment except to say that "no decisions have been reached and the matter is still under study."

Under the will, Mrs. Patterson left her daughter most of her personal effects, a large amount of real estate and a life income of \$25,000 a year. The Times-Herald was left to seven top executives of the paper.

A petition for probate of the will filed in District Court yesterday asked that the Riggs National Bank be appointed collector for the estate—to take charge of all assets, pending their disposition.

Ordinarily, attorneys said, a collector need not be appointed when the executors obtain consent from the heirs to waive this procedure.

Two of the executors, Frank C. Waldrop and William C. Shelton, are among the seven named to inherit the Times-Herald. The third executor is Joseph Brooks, member of a New York insurance and investment brokerage firm. The fourth, the late Rudolph Vestman, sr., former attorney for the paper, died after he had been named by Mrs. Patterson.

2 Oak Ridge Scientists Cleared in Loyalty Check

OAK RIDGE, Tenn., Aug. 3.—Two atomic scientists who were suspended last May during a loyalty check have been cleared, the Atomic Energy Commission announced.

The two scientists never were identified by the commission and the charges against them were not publicized. Pending the outcome of the check on their loyalty, the two were restricted to restricted atomic information.